PF, ESI and gratuity for the year 1985-86 amounting to Rs. 41 lakhs, Rs 12.6 lakhs and Rs. 49 lakhs respectively. As conciliation in the matter failed, in an order passed on 3-4-1987 the State Government have advised the workmen to approach the authorities concerned under the Payment of Wages Act, the PF and ESI Acts and seek remedy in getting their dues settled, there being no case for referring the issues involved for adjudication.

Woman missing for the last one year in Shahdara

1616. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in 'The Times of India' of 24th February, 1987 captioned 'Missing for a year now';

(b) if so, what steps the Farsh Bazar, Shahdara, police station has taken to trace the missing woman;

(c) whether it s a fact that the husband and in-laws of the missing woman have not taken any interest in this matter and police have failed to take any action against them; and

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken to question the husband and in-laws in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Immediately on registration of the case on 1st March, 1986 wireless messages were flashed to all Superintendents of Police in India and Station House Officers in Delhi giving the description of the missing woman. Her description was also broadcast over All India Radio and over Television.

The husband and in-laws of the missing woman were interrogated and they were put to the lie detector test. A search for her was also conducted at various places. No evidence against her husband or the in-laws has come to light. They are on anticipatory bail from the court.

Harassment of people by Delhi Policemen

1617. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in 'The Statesman' dated the 12th April, 1987 regarding the harassment, humiliation and uncivilised behaviour meted out to the unsuspecting and law abiding people returning home late at night by the Delhi policemen to extract money;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the outcome thereof stating the measures taken by Government to ensure that respectable and law abiding citizens are not unduly harassed and humiliated by the Delhi policemen in future besides taking suitable action against the policemen found indulging in such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In
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necessary to detail police personnel at

night for checking of vehicles etc. One Deputy Commissioner of Police is also detailed for night patrolling to supervise the police personnel on duty. As and when any complaint about harassment/extortion of money is received immediate action thereon is taken. Besides, there is a Vigilance Cell headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police at the Police Headquarters and also an Anti Corruption Branch under the Delhi Administration. Complaints in this regard can be lodged with them.

Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Orissa

1618. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been violated by diverting forest land to irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the total number of projects involved in such violation; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been noticed in one proposal pertaining to an irrigation project in Orissa, namely the Upper Jonk Irrigation Project in Kalahandi district.

(c) The circumstances in which this violation has occurred have been explained by the Government of Orissa with a request to condone the violation. The violation was condoned and the proposal was approved on 26.2.1986.

Condition of Indian employees working in the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi

1619. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a reported news item which appeared in a National Daily on the 6th April, 1987 regarding maltreatment being meted out to the Indian employees working in the Japanese Embassy, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One of the Indian employees of the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi who had met with an accident was relieved of his service by the Embassy since he was found unsuitable for the job as he could no longer perform his duties efficiently. The Embassy of Japan gave him one month's notice in September 1986. However, there was some dispute between the Embassy of Japan and the Indian Employee ever the amount to be paid to him as gratuity, bonus and provident fund etc. He was allowed to stay in his quarter free of any charge till March 1987. There was also some altercation between members of his family and the officials of the Embassy of Japan when the latter asked him to vacate his quarter on 4th March, 1987. The Embassy of Japan had to summon the police for assistance. It is understood that the local police station has not registered any case in this regard.

(c) Government had requested the Embassy to settle this matter amicably and has been informed by the Embassy that this matter has been settled.

Availability of polyster fibre for open sale

1620. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of polyester staple fibre which is imported by parties against the advance licence is being sold in the market by them;